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SUBJECT: TEXTILE AND APPAREL ITEMS: CARE, FIBER AND CONSUMER
ORIENTED LABELLING REQUIREMENTS

REF: STATE A-1718

1. EEC DIRECTIVE CONCERNED WITH LABELLING OF FIBER CONTENT OF
TEXTILES SOLD WITHIN THE EC (JULY 26, 1971, PUBLISHED IN THE
OFFICIAL JOURNAL L 185 OF AUGUST 16, 1971 AVAILABLE IN L/R OR
RPE) REQUIRES COMPOSITION AND WEIGHT PERCENTAGE LABELLING OF
ALL PRODUCTS WHOSE WEIGHT IS AT LEAST 80 PERCENT TEXTILE FIBER.
COMPLIANCE BY ALL MEMBER STATES WAS REQUIRED BY JANUARY 26,
1975 AND HAS BEEN EFFECTED. TEXTILE PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT, RE
EXPORT AND IMPORTED PRODUCTS IN TRANSIT ARE EXEMPTED. ALL
IMPORTED TEXTILE PRODUCTS TO BE SOLD WITHIN THE COMMUNITY
MUST BE LABELLED.

2. EEC DIRECTIVES ON METHODS OF SAMPLING AND QUANTITATIVE
ANALYSIS OF BINARY AND TERNARY FIBER MIXTURE WERE APPROVED BY
THE COUNCIL ON JULY 17, 1972 (OJ L-173 OF JULY 31, 1972) AND
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FEBRUARY 26, 1973 (OJ L-83 OF MARCH 30, 1973) RESPECTIVELY.
ALL MEMBER STATES HAVE COMPLIED. DEFINITIONS AND
STANDARDS FOR LABELLING ARE CONTAINED IN ANNEXES OF
71 DIRECTIVE. COPIES OF THREES DIRECTIVES BEING POUCED
TO HUTCHINSON AT COMMERCE.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR LABELLING IS IN PROCESS OF BEING

TRANSFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICE (ECPS) FROM DG-XI (INTERNAL MARKETS). EXTENSIVE MODIFICATION OF 71 DIRECTIVE TO INCLUDE ARTICLES OF WEARING APPAREL WHOSE WEIGHT COMPOSITION IS BELOW 80 PERCENT FIBER (BRAS FOR EXAMPLE) IS IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION STAGE WITHIN THE COMMISSION. FORMAL PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS ARE NOT EXPECTED BEFORE MID-1978.

4. NO OTHER EEC LABELLING REQUIREMENTS EXIST RE CARE, FLAMMABILITY, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR CHEMICAL CONTENT, THOUGH EACH MEMBER STATE IS FREE TO IMPOSE ITS OWN NATIONAL REGULATIONS. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT CARE LABELLING STANDARDS USING PICTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED RECENTLY IN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION (ISO) AND ECPS IS AWAITING MEMBER STATE REACTION. ECPS HOPES TO BEGIN PRELIMINARY STUDIES SHORTLY, BUT FORSEES A LENGTHY DELAY BEFORE CONSUMER ORIENTED LABELLING IS INTRODUCED. DEVELOPMENT OF FLAMMABILITY STANDARDS IS PRIORITY ITEM. HINTON

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